

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT)	CASE NO.
FILING OF CITIPOWER, LLC)	2017-00101

ORDER

On April 3, 2009, the Commission issued its Order in Case No. 2008-00392¹ approving certain adjustments to the rates of Citipower, LLC (“Citipower”) and providing under certain conditions for the further adjustment of such rates in accordance with the provisions of Citipower’s Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment Clause.

On February 24, 2017, Citipower filed its Gas Cost Recovery (“GCR”) rate application to be effective April 1, 2017.

After reviewing the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

1. Citipower’s notice proposes revised rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in gas costs.

2. Citipower’s notice sets out an Expected Gas Cost (“EGC”) of \$4.5347 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.1804 per Mcf from the prior EGC of \$4.3543 per Mcf. Citipower’s average 12-month EGC is based in part on the expectation that it will need to buy gas at a higher-than-normal price from Citizens Gas Utility District (“Citizens Gas”) during periods of high usage in cold weather. Citizens Gas’s volumes are priced using current price projections as of February 2017. The EGC is otherwise based on

¹ Case No. 2008-00392, *Application of Citipower, LLC for Rate Adjustment for Small Utilities Pursuant to 807 KAR 5:076* (Ky. PSC Apr. 3, 2009).

Citipower's expected cost of gas from its primary supplier, Citigas, LLC, ("Citigas") [an affiliate pursuant to 278.010(18)], using the New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX") Natural Gas 12-Month strip rate for February 2017.

3. Citipower's notice sets out no Refund Adjustment.

4. Citipower's notice sets out a current quarter Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") of (\$.0380) per Mcf. Citipower's total ACA is \$.0535 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.0830 per Mcf from its previous total ACA of (\$.0295) per Mcf.

5. Citipower's notice sets out a current quarter Balance Adjustment ("BA") of \$.0001 per Mcf. Citipower did not include the reconciliation of the expired (\$.0429) per Mcf ACA previously approved in Case No. 2015-00396² in the calculation of its current quarter BA. Citipower's corrected current quarter BA is (\$.0074) per Mcf. Citipower's total BA is \$.0264 per Mcf, which is a decrease of \$.0054 per Mcf from its previous total BA of \$.0318 per Mcf. In Citipower's next GCR rate application for rates effective July 1, 2017, Citipower should include the expired ACA factor as well as the expired BA factor approved in Case No. 2016-00102³, in the calculation of its current quarter BA.

6. Citipower's corrected GCR rate is \$4.6146 per Mcf, which is an increase of \$.2580 per Mcf from the previous GCR rate of \$4.3566 per Mcf.

7. To aid in the Commission's review of Citipower's applications, Citipower should continue to submit all invoices it receives from Citigas and Citizens Gas when it files its GCR rate applications.

² Case No. 2015-00396, *Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Citipower, LLC* (Ky. PSC Dec. 18, 2015).

³ Case No. 2016-00102, *Purchased Gas Adjustment Filing of Citipower, LLC* (Ky. PSC Mar. 16, 2016).

8. The rates set forth in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and should be approved for service rendered by Citipower on and after April 1, 2017.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates proposed by Citipower are denied.

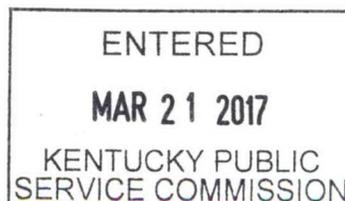
2. The rates set forth in the Appendix to this Order are approved for service rendered by Citipower on and after April 1, 2017.

3. In Citipower's next GCR rate application for rates effective July 1, 2017, Citipower shall calculate its current quarter BA using the expired ACA and BA from Case No. 2016-00102.

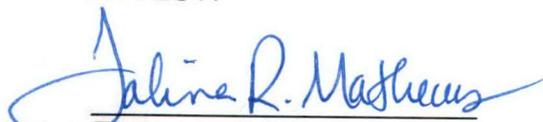
4. Citipower shall submit all invoices received from Citigas and Citizens Gas as part of all future GCR filings.

5. Within 20 days of the date of this Order, Citipower shall file with this Commission, using the Commission's electronic Tariff Filing System, revised tariff sheets setting out the rates approved herein and reflecting that they were approved pursuant to this Order.

By the Commission



ATTEST:


Executive Director

APPENDIX

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2017-00101 DATED **MAR 21 2017**

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Citipower, LLC. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL

	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Volumetric Rate	\$7.6492	\$4.6146	\$12.2638

The volumetric rate will apply to all Mcfs sold, subject to a minimum bill of \$5.00. In those cases where the usage applied to the volumetric rate results in an amount less than \$5.00, the customer will be charged the \$5.00 minimum.

INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL

	<u>Base Rate</u>	<u>Gas Cost Recovery Rate</u>	<u>Total</u>
Volumetric Rate	\$6.6492	\$4.6146	\$11.2638

The volumetric rate will apply to all Mcfs sold, subject to a minimum bill of \$5.00. In those cases where the usage applied to the volumetric rate results in an amount less than \$5.00, the customer will be charged the \$5.00 minimum.

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